

ATTN: BROOKLYN RESIDENTS!

# Please come to public hearings

**Thursday, January 26 - Zelma George Recreation Center 6-9 p.m., 3155 MLK Jr. Blvd**

**Wednesday, February 8 - Cudell Recreation Center 6-9 p.m., 1910 West Boulevard**

**Thursday, February 9 - Harvard Community Services Center 18240 Harvard Avenue**

Cleveland Public Power is proposing to build a garbage incinerator at the Ridge Road Transfer Station on Cleveland's West Side. It would involve the cooking of trash at high temperatures and the release of toxic pollutants into the air, in a process known as "gasification."

As proposed by the city, this new incinerator would become one of the largest air polluters in Cuyahoga County, releasing soot, lead, mercury, dioxin, and other pollutants into the air. The technology being proposed is not in use for this purpose and scale anywhere in the United States, so there are no models to compare it with.

Hundreds of residents of Cleveland and neighboring suburbs have attended public meetings in January to voice their opposition to this proposal.

## **What would the facility cost?**

The City says they don't know the answer. They have hired developer Peter Tien to make cost estimates. Although Mr. Tien previously gave the city an estimate of \$180 million, he told a newspaper reporter in December that the cost would be \$300 million. Mr. Tien was due to submit a final report to the City by the end of December 2011, but that report does not appear to have been submitted.

**NO**  
**Cleveland**  
**incinerator**

## **What garbage would be burned in the incinerator and what would be recycled?**

The city says its goal is to recycle "up to 25%" of Cleveland's waste, and to burn most of the rest of it. The goal of 25% is extremely low compared to other cities throughout the country and in Northeast Ohio. Even the Commissioner of Solid Waste says that up to 62% of Cleveland's trash could be recycled. Clevelanders are asking, "why is the city holding the recycling program hostage to the incinerator?" Recycling and reuse programs create more jobs than incineration.

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